

STUDENT WORKSHEET

Talking About Summer Vacation through Music

Song: "Summertime Sadness" – Lana Del Rey

Part A – First Reaction (Listening for Gist)

Listen to the song **without lyrics**.

1. Check the words that best describe the song's mood:

☐ happy

☐ sad

☐ Nostalgic

☐ romantic

☐ intense

☐ energetic

☐ calm

2. In one sentence, answer: 🗣️ *What do you think the song is mainly about?*

Part B – Meaning & Metaphor (Listening for Detail)

Read the lyric excerpts below.

Do **not** translate them word by word. Focus on **ideas, feelings, and symbols**.

Lyric Excerpts

- A. "I got that summertime, summertime sadness"
- B. "Loving you is a losing game"
- C. "Think I'll miss you forever"
- D. "Got my red dress on tonight"
- E. "Kiss me hard before you go"
- F. "It's you, it's you, it's all for you"

Task 1 – Match the line to its main idea

Write the letter (A–F).

- 1. ____ Intense emotions and urgency
- 2. ____ Love connected to pain or loss
- 3. ____ Memories that don't disappear
- 4. ____ A strong emotional focus on one person
- 5. ____ Summer as a symbol, not just a season
- 6. ____ Visual image that creates a mood

Task 2 – Metaphor or Literal? For each line, decide if the meaning is **more literal** or **more metaphorical**.

Line	Literal	Metaphorical
A. <i>"I got that summertime, summertime sadness"</i>		
B. <i>"Loving you is a losing game"</i>		
C. <i>"Think I'll miss you forever"</i>		
D. <i>"Got my red dress on tonight"</i>		
E. <i>"Kiss me hard before you go"</i>		
F. <i>"It's you, it's you, it's all for you"</i>		

Part C – Pronunciation & Emotion

Listen again and choose **one line**. Read it aloud focusing on: stress, rhythm, emotion

👉 Which word is stressed the most? Why?

Part D – Personal Connection (Speaking) - Answer orally.

1. Which line best connects to **your summer vacation**? Why?
2. Was your summer more **happy, sad, or mixed**?
3. Complete the sentence:

For me, summer is a time when...